



NOAA Research in Puerto Rico



PR-1 (coastal waters)

National Undersea Research Program National Undersea Research Center for the Caribbean

The National Undersea Research Center for the Caribbean is located at the Caribbean Marine Research Center (CMRC) in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. It is one of six regional centers supported by the National Undersea Research Program (NURP). The Center supports and conducts undersea research throughout the entire Caribbean region. Major research projects have dealt with fisheries ecology, fisheries oceanography, the influence of physical oceanographic processes on larval transport and recruitment, coral reef ecology, predator-prey dynamics, paleo-oceanography, the impact of subsurface ultraviolet light in marine environments, marine aquaculture and long-term monitoring of oceanographic and meteorological conditions. These studies have focused on a variety of commercially and ecologically important species including Nassau grouper, queen conch, Caribbean spiny lobster, corals, reef fishes, and invertebrates. Recent research has included studies to determine the causes and possible consequences of the widespread and worrisome degree of coral bleaching that is taking place throughout the Caribbean. The FY 2001 funding for the Center totaled \$1.34 million. For more information please visit <http://www.cmrc.org>

PR-1 (Based in Mayagüez - serves all of Puerto Rico)

National Sea Grant College Program Puerto Rico Sea Grant College Program

The Puerto Rico Sea Grant College Program has been active since 1980 in working toward the conservation and wise development of the island's marine and coastal resources. Its research focuses particularly on marine fisheries reserves, essential fish habitat, natural disaster reduction, and coastal water quality. Puerto Rico Sea Grant serves a multicultural, international community in Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Latin America and the Caribbean region. Puerto Rico Sea Grant is associated with the University of Puerto Rico in Mayagüez. In FY 2001, Puerto Rico Sea Grant projects received approximately \$861,000 from the National Sea Grant College Program. For more information please visit <http://seagrant.uprm.edu/seagrant/main.html>

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